

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in view of the present amendment and in light of the following discussions, is respectfully requested.

Claims 24, 25 and 34-39 are currently pending in the application. Claims 24, 34 and 39 are amended by the present amendment. Applicants submit that claim amendments find support in the application as originally filed at least at Figures 29A, 29B and 30. Thus, no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 34 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and Claims 24, 34 and 39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Initially, Applicant and Applicant's representative gratefully acknowledge the courtesy of a personal interview with the Examiner on October 11, 2005. During the interview, claim amendments to overcome rejections in the outstanding Office Action were agreed upon. Comments discussed during the interview are reiterated below.

Regarding the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, Claim 34 is amended to more clearly recite how the steps are used to generate the keys, in light of comments in the outstanding Office Action and as discussed during the interview. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that rejection be withdrawn.

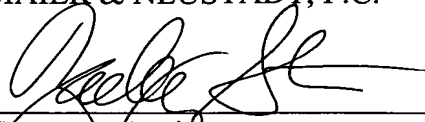
Further, regarding the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101, Claims 24, 34 and 39 are amended as discussed during the interview to more clearly recite statutory subject matter. Thus, it is respectfully requested that rejection also be withdrawn.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claims 24, 34 and 39, and claims depending therefrom, are allowable.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussions, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome and the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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